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... "Golden Gates as a chance for people to see and hear the real traditions of old Russia through the songs, dances and audience participation"...

... "That's what's so great about music. It's a cultural bridge between countries and people."...



Vitaliy Bezrodnov, foreground, and Oleg Kruglyakov, part of the Russian folk trio "Moscow Nights", jam with the accordion and balalaika. They also tell jokes, lead clap-alongs and even teach people in the audience how to play the spoons..



The "Golden Gates" might be preteens, but their songs and dances are often from ancient times. The St. Petersburg children's troupe is performing with "Moscow Nights", a traditional Russian folk band based in Cleveland.



Two members of the Russian children's folk group, "Golden Gates", perform at Solon Arts Center. The singers and dancers, all from St. Petersburg, range in age from 9-13.